



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Reduce Food Waste with Composting Drop-Off Program

Gaithersburg, MD (December 11, 2018) The City of Gaithersburg Department of Public Works now offers residents a convenient and sustainable way to reduce food waste with its new compost drop-off site. Located at 800 Rabbitt Road, next to the Oil and Antifreeze Recycling Area, the site is accessible 24/7 and the service is free of charge.

Acceptable items for composting include:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Citrus peels
- Fruit and vegetable pits, seeds, etc.
- Coffee grounds, filters, and tea leaves/bags
- Eggshells
- Baking ingredients, herbs, and spices
- Pasta, bread, and cereal
- Paper towels, paper towel rolls, and paper plates

DO NOT compost:

- Meat, fish/seafood, dairy products
- Food packaging (plastic, stickers, rubber bands, etc.)
- Animal/pet feces, hair/pet fur
- Items labeled biodegradable or Oxo-Biodegradable

Only place acceptable food waste into the community compost bin. Compostable liners containing food items are okay to place in the bin.

For more information please visit gaithersburgmd.gov or contact the Department of Public Works at 301-258-6370 or e-mail recycle@gaithersburgmd.gov.

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